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Dear Mr. Mirza Ismail

I venture to write to request your assistance in having the case of B. Venkatesachar looked into.

When I joined the Central College in 1908, Venkatesachar was M.A. (Madras) and on the staff of the College. He had, before that, been chosen by the late Dr. Cook to do his senior lecturing work during his absence on leave.

might expect early promotion. Practically nothing has been done, however - partly because such action might be construed as a supercession of one another person.

I hear that the Meteorological Department is likely to make Venkatesachar another offer, which he will almost certainly accept. - His acceptance and departure from the Central College would be, in every way, most regrettable. We cannot afford to lose first class men of his stamp.

I beg that you will do what you can to interest His Highness in this matter and to suggest respectfully that His Highness should direct that Venkatesachar should be given the Rs 500-50-1000 grade which has for five years been his due.

With best regards
yours very sincerely
E. P. Metcalfe

He was, therefore, a very competent teacher at that time.

After my arrival in Bangalore Venkateswaran's mind was turned to the great forward movement in Physics of modern times: and he began to take up original work. He and I together have spent much of our leisure in experimental research, which has resulted in a paper recently communicated to and published by the Royal Society. This paper has been well received by physicists in London, who recognise that it deals in a novel way with a little understood phenomenon, on which it throws a good deal of light. This paper, I hope, is destined to be the first of a series - since we intend continuing and extending this line of research. — In this work, Venkateswaran has alone his full share, and has proved himself to be a physicist of great talent.

This has been recognised by the Indian Meteorological Department (Dr G Walker), who offered him the post of Director of the Colaba Observatory at Bombay, on Rs 600-50-1200, with free quarters. — The Mysore Govt. were unwilling to spare Venkateswaran for this appointment, and retained him on a personal assurance that he